

DROWNED AT OTTAWA.

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ters at North Bay, of the death of their brother. Harper's father and mother are both dead.

Chief of Police Powell, with some of his men, left at once as soon as the news was received here for the scene of the tragedy with grappling irons. They brought Blais, the boatman, along with them. After looking at the place, Blais suggested that it would be best not to grapple for the bodies at night, as they would only disturb them. At daylight today they would search. Chief Powell said that the pool where they skated into was about 200 yards long and 35 feet wide.

[Mr. Harper, who was drowned with Miss Blair, was in Fredericton last August with the upper province press excursionists, and was one of the gayest and most interesting of the party.]

Another Account.

Ottawa, Dec. 7.—Not for many years has this city been so moved to sorrow as last night, when the news flashed through the streets that two bright young Ottawa people, moving in the best circles of the capital, were sleeping their last long sleep in the icy waters of the Ottawa River.

The victims are Miss Bessie Blair, fourth daughter of Hon A G Blair, minister of railways and canals, and H A Harper, assistant editor of the Labour Gazette.

Skating parties have been all in vogue on the Ottawa River this week. The Governor General and Lady Minto and many friends have frequently taken advantage of the splendid condition of the ice.

Several ladies and gentlemen of the government house set were on the ice and on the way home, when one party consisting of Capt. Bell, A. D. C., Vernon Nicholson, son-in-law of Sir John Carling, the Misses Ritchie, daughter of the sergeant-at-arms of the senate, broke through near Governor's Bay, but fortunately in shallow water, and all got out safely.

It was to a party of six who lingered on the ice later than the others that disaster came. Homeward bound about 5 o'clock, this party consisted of A. N. Treadgold, mining engineer of Dawson, and Miss Amea Blair, who were probably a quarter of a mile in the lead. Then came Alex. Creelman, clerk in the Imperial Bank here, and Miss Bessie Blair, and forty or fifty yards behind them Mr. Harper and Miss Snowball, daughter of Senator Snowball of Chatham. The party were coming along gaily, utterly regardless of danger, and had just passed the head of Kettle Island, opposite Rockcliffe Park, when suddenly the skates of Mr. Creelman and Miss Blair stuck in thin soft ice. They were both thrown forward violently and fell headforemost through a treacherous air hole into the water. Mr. Creelman held on to Miss Blair and called out to Mr. Harper and Miss Snowball to "keep away for God's sake," and that they could do more good by keeping away.

Harper, however, did not wait an instant. Telling Miss Snowball to skate to Gatineau Point for help, he threw off his coat and gauntlets and without a moment's hesitation plunged into the water to the rescue. Creelman says before Harper could reach them he (Creelman) made an effort to lift Miss Bessie on the ice, but with the weight of her soddened clothing could not succeed. Creelman sank in the attempt, and on rising found he was under the ice. He smashed it with his hands and clung to the thin sheet as best he could. Looking around he could not see a trace of either Harper or Miss Blair. Both had gone down.

Meantime the screams and cries of Miss Snowball aroused people on Gatineau Point, and they were also heard by Miss Amea Blair and Mr. Treadgold.

Matthias Blais, who lives in a shack below the village, when he learned of the accident, pushed off in his punt to the scene of the accident to which Miss Snowball directed him, and there he found Creelman in the water clinging to the ice. Blais had just succeeded in getting Creelman into the boat when Treadgold skated up. They searched for the other two members of the party, but without any success and reluctantly had to leave the scene to convey to the shore Mr. Creelman, who was benumbed with cold and almost unconscious after his immersion of twenty minutes. At Blais' house, he was stripped of his clothing and put in blankets and after 9 o'clock had so far recovered that he could be removed to the city. He is in pretty bad shape. His hands are badly lacerated by contact with the ice.

The news of the death of Miss Bessie Blair was carried home by Miss Amea and telegrams were at once sent conveying the sad intelligence to Mr. and Mrs. Blair, who are at Clifton Springs.

The late Miss Blair was one of this season's debutantes and was in her 22nd year. She had a bright, sunny disposition,

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Mr. Harper was a son of the late Henry Harper of Barrie, Ontario. He graduated in arts at Toronto University in 1895 being at that time also on the reportorial staff of the Toronto Empire. Then he came to Ottawa as resident correspondent of the Montreal Herald. Eighteen months ago he accepted a position in the newly formed labor department, and was assistant editor of the Labour Gazette. During his four years' residence in Ottawa he had made scores of friends, both on account of his genial disposition and his ability.

[Some two years ago Lewis Blair, second son of the Minister of Railways, died at Ottawa, and Mrs. Blair has never been well since that bereavement. The surviving members of the family are Mrs R F Randolph of this city, A George Blair, barrister of St. John, Donald, and the Misses Marion, Amea, Audrey and Margery Blair. The last named is at school in Scotland.]

The Market.

On account of the heavy roads and chilly weather, the market this morning was somewhat smaller than it has been for the past weeks. Still there was quite a number of teams on hand, and considerable country produce was disposed of. Quotations were as follows:

Mutton per lb.....	.05 and .06
Turkeys per lb.....	.12 and .13
Lard per lb.....	.11
Oats per bushel.....	.55
Squash per lb.....	.01 1/2
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Pork per lb.....	7
Butter per lb.....	20
Eggs per doz.....	22
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Chickens per pair.....	40 and 60
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